

May 30. 1942

To the Chairman and Members of the Exeter Port Health Authority.
Gentlemen,

Herewith I beg to present the Annual Report for the year ending Dec: 31. 1941.

For obvious reasons, and as directed by the Ministry, it is considerably curtailed, so as to avoid as far as possible the leakage of information relating to the movements etc: of vessels.

Table A.

32 vessels arrived at the Port of which 28 were Foreign and 4 British.
31 carried cargoes of coal and one of tea.

Without exception every vessel was boarded and inspected. The health of the crews was found to be good, and the general sanitation satisfactory. No signs of rat infestation were detected.

Cases of infectious disease landed from vessels	None
Cases of infectious sickness occurring on vessels during the voyage but disposed of prior to arrival	None
Rats destroyed during the year	None
Rats destroyed during the year, in Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses	None

Food Inspection.

Adequate steps have been taken by the Authority, promptly, to deal with suspected gas contaminated food previously intended for human consumption, and which might accidentally be landed at stations within its jurisdiction.

Typhus Fever.

The need for timely detection and disposal of suspected cases of Typhus Fever and the necessary precautions to be taken to prevent its spread, if a case should occur in the area, have been recognised by this Authority, and appropriate action will be taken when required.

1) Actions taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1925, the Public Health (Imported Food) Amendment Regulations, 1933, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, and the Public Health (Preservatives &c. in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1927. None required.

2) Number of Samples of Food examined by:-

(a) Bacteriologist.		
Nature of Sample.	Result of Examination.	Nil.
(b) Analyst.		
Nature of Sample.	Result of Examination.	Nil.

Port of Tonsham.

Periodic visits were made to Tonsham.

No vessels carrying inward cargoes were reported by the Sanitary Inspector.

The Annual Report of Inspections in Exeter by Mr. Bonham, Chief Sanitary Inspector, is appended hereto.

I am,
Your obedient Servant

C. Beesley
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CITY OF EXETER.

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23th May 1942

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PORT HEALTH INSPECTIONS IN EXETER.
Annual Report for 1941.

During 1939 the Java (Dutch) was the only vessel that was examined at the Port of Exeter. She arrived light and embarked a cargo of spent oxide for Maryport.

Notwithstanding the lack of vessels 66 visits were paid to the wharves and warehouses at the Quay and basin. Many consignments of salted codfish received ex Rail from Liverpool were examined and passed fit for consumption.

Special inspections were also made to ascertain if any premises were rat infested and it is pleasing to record that none was apparent and that at the Government Food Depot their preventive measures were being taken in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Agriculture.

ARTHUR E. BONHAM,

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Dr. Beesley,
Port Medical Officer of Health,
EXETER.

